Techno-Economic Feasibility Study for Manipur

1550. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a techno-economic feasibility study for the State of Manipur;

(b) if so, whether the reports of the Study Team have been submitted; and

(c) if so, the action taken on the basis of the reports?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) A Techno-Economic Feasibility Study for development of Horticulture in the State of Manipur was conducted by National Horticulture Board. The Study was completed in September, 1995. A copy of the recommendations, Summary and conclusions is placed at Annexure. (*See Appendix* 179, *Annexure No.* 337).

(c) National Horticulture Board has sent the final reports of the Study to Government of Manipur in September, 1995 with a request to take necessary action on the recommendations of the Study.

Reconstitution of the Passenger Amenities Committee

1551. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Passenger Amenities Committee has been reconstituted;

(b) if so, the eligibility criteria fixed for Chairman and Members with facilities and emoluments prescribed for each;

(c) the functions of the Committee; and

(d) whether Chairman/Members have past working experience of the Railways with special reference to passengers problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. Passenger Amenities Committee has been reconstituted in July, 1996 with a Chairman and four (4) other Members.

(b) No. eligibility criteria as such have been prescribed for appointment of Chairman and Members of Passenger Amenities Committee.

The Chairman has been allowed a consolidated honorarium of Rs. 7,000.- p.m. and HRA Rs. 1,000/- p.m. and the Members have been allowed Rs. 5,000/- without any HRA. The Chairman and Members are also allowed office/residential telephone, TA/DA and Rest House facility while on tour in connection with the work of the Committee.

(c) A statement is attached (*see* below).

(d) The Chairman and Members of the Committee are public men who are familiar with the problems of the travelling public.

Statement

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The functions assigned to the Committee are as under:—

(a) General cleanliness and environmental condition;

(b) Drinking water arrangements;

(c) Facilities provided for dissemination of information to the passengers, like enquiry offices, public address system, indicator boards etc.;

(d) Provision of lights, fans and other electrical amenities;

(e) Provision and maintenance of public conveniences like public lavatories, bathrooms, retiring rooms and waiting halls;

(f) Provision of such conveniences as benches on platforms, wheel chairs, stretches, luggage trolleys etc.;

(g) Reservation and booking for passengers;

(h) Security of passengers in carriages and at station premises;

(i) Loses in railway revenues;

(j) Ensuring courtesy to passengers;

(k) Catering services; and

(l) Improved services to pilgrims.